

From the Editors

The substantive offerings in this issue of *The Victorian Naturalist* rather broadly, but entirely accidentally, divide into two groups, one relating to introduced species and the other to avian species. In the first, Bilney focuses on the damage caused by Sambar Deer rubbing their antlers on Yellow-wood; and there is a Note on an introduced species of Coral fungus. The second group comprises the results of research on the effectiveness of signage in the management of a threatened bird species; and a Note on cooperative behaviour during breeding in Masked Lapwings. Given the enormous diversity that exists in the natural world, and thus in the studies being undertaken on it, this type of symmetry is not a common feature in the journal.

In an organisation whose membership is large and which has a long history, it is not unusual to have to acknowledge the passing of a long-standing member. This is our role again in this issue, with a Tribute to Arthur Thies, former council member and noted bryologist. We are pleased to acknowledge his contribution to the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria.

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